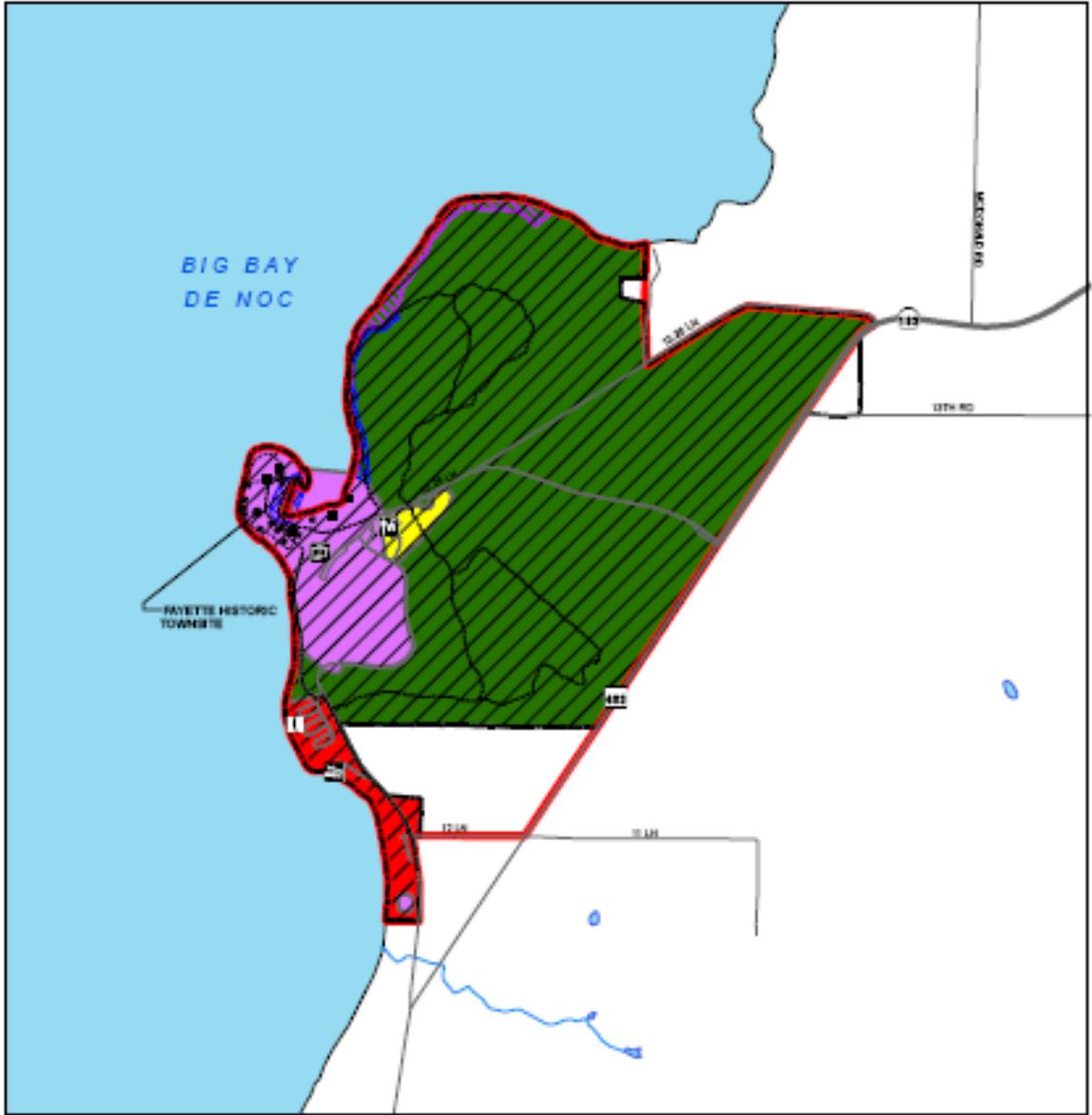


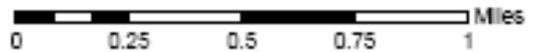
GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

MANAGEMENT ZONE PLAN



PRD Management Zones

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- History Education
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- Cultural Landscape
- Ecologically Sensitive
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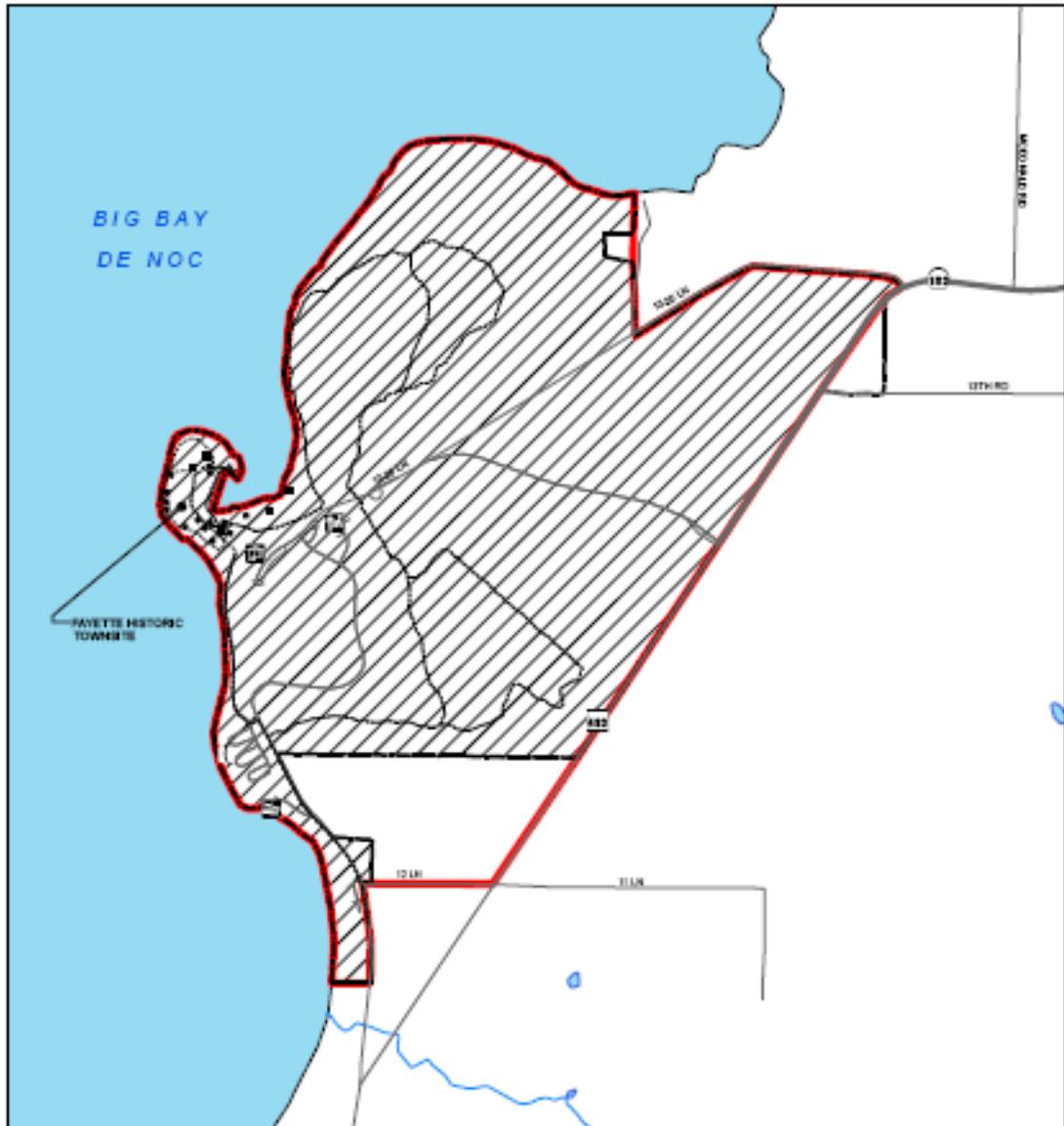


With guidance of the Fayette HSP Planning Team (inclusive Department participation) and input from our stakeholders and the public, the park “Purpose and Significance Statements” were drafted and adopted. This established an identity for Fayette Historic State Park that highlights; the unique physical and historic qualities of the land from its inception as a iron ore smelting town, to the ecological importance and rarity of the land snails and ancient cedars, highlighted by the magnificent view of the limestone cliffs (a trademark for this park) and the opportunities for educational interpretation, trail use, camping, wildlife viewing, hunting, and fishing.

Based on this ‘identity’ for the park, a “Management Zone Plan” was developed with stakeholder support and public input. The Management Zone Definitions apply to each zone used, with special considerations highlighted in the descriptive narratives of management guidance for each zone of the park. The management zones applied are:

- Cultural Landscape Zone (Overlay)
- Ecologically Sensitive Zone
- Natural Resource Recreation Zone
- History Education Zone
- Scenic Zone (Overlay)
- Developed Recreation Zone
- Visitor Services Zone

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE ZONE (OVERLAY)



PRD Management Zones

 Cultural Landscape



This zone identifies known cultural resources within Fayette HSP and encompasses the entire park, or approximately 721 acres. It is considered an “overlay” of all other zones in the park.

- Natural Resources – The prescriptive description of the underlying zone will apply.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – If any activity in this zone requires earthwork, it must first be reviewed and approved by the Stewardship Unit of Recreation Division. Historic/cultural resources are known to exist throughout the park.
- Recreation Opportunities – This zone is established to highlight the historic and cultural qualities of times past. The recreation opportunities afforded in this zone will not interfere with nor hinder the appreciation of the cultural landscape being preserved.

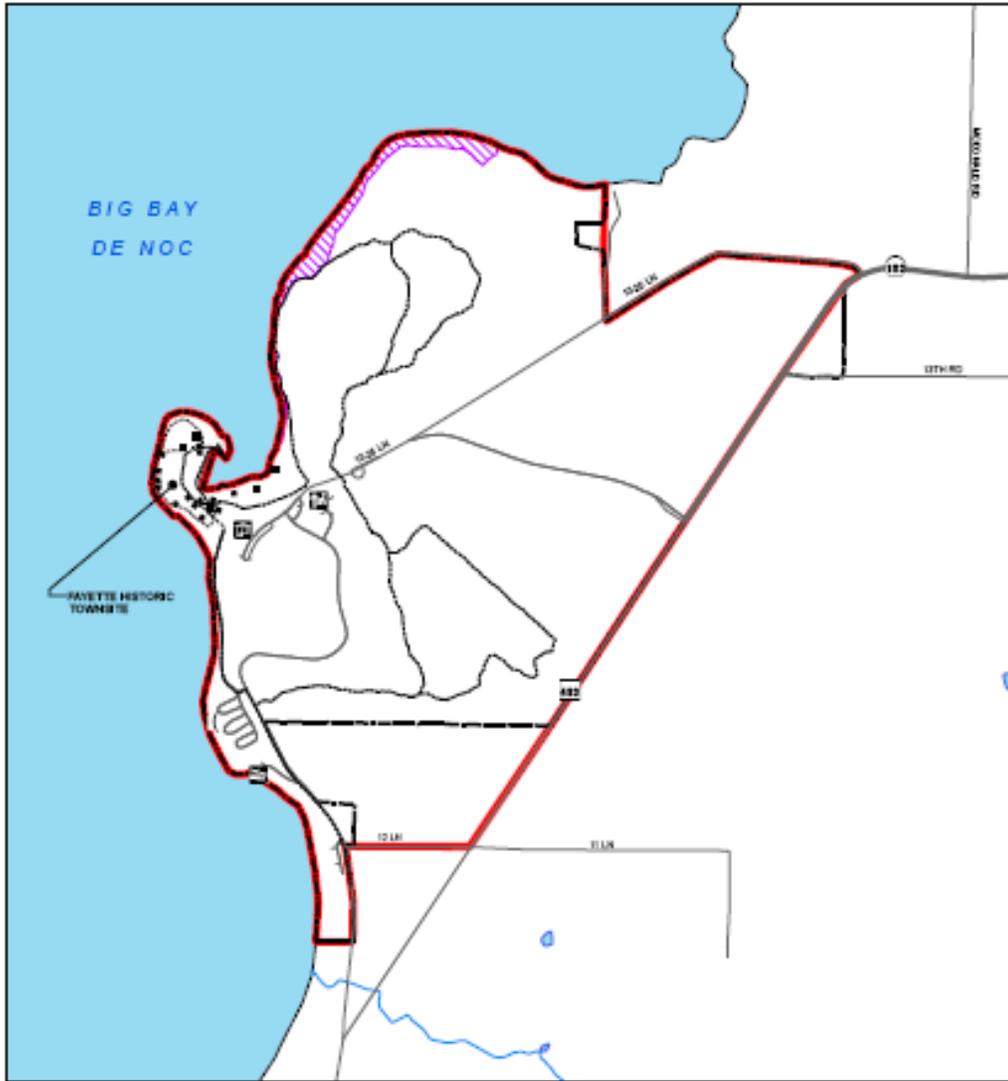
Hunting will continue to be allowed in the area designated as “Open to Hunting,” and other existing recreational uses in the park will continue as well. These currently include: trail use (hiking and cross-country skiing), camping, boating, and day-use activities.

- Education Opportunities – Information regarding the key elements in this zone can be made available at the Visitor Center, the campground, and at other key locations where people gather. Specific features can be interpreted and the placement of informational kiosks or signs is appropriate. Additionally, electronic means of interpretation can be explored (e.g. MP3 players, etc.)
- Visitor Experience – The cultural features highlighted in this zone are representative of the early settlement of this land. This rich heritage will be appreciated by visitors with an interest in history. The visitor can expect encounters with other park visitors engaged in other activities.
- Management Focus – Preserve the historic integrity of the zone elements identified, incorporate “Universal Access” (including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements), and implement educational efforts.

Develop new MOA’s for cooperative management of historic resources, and comply with those requirements.

- Development – Development activity will focus on any identified restoration/preservation needs, incorporating “Universal Access” (including ADA requirements) for visitor access to the features, and meeting educational/interpretation needs.

ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE ZONE



PRD Management Zones

 Ecologically Sensitive



Totalling approximately 21 acres (3%), this designation protects three species of globally significant land snails, and cedar trees found on the limestone cliffs along Lake Michigan that date to over 1,000 years of age. Public entry into this zone location will not be allowed to protect these resources.



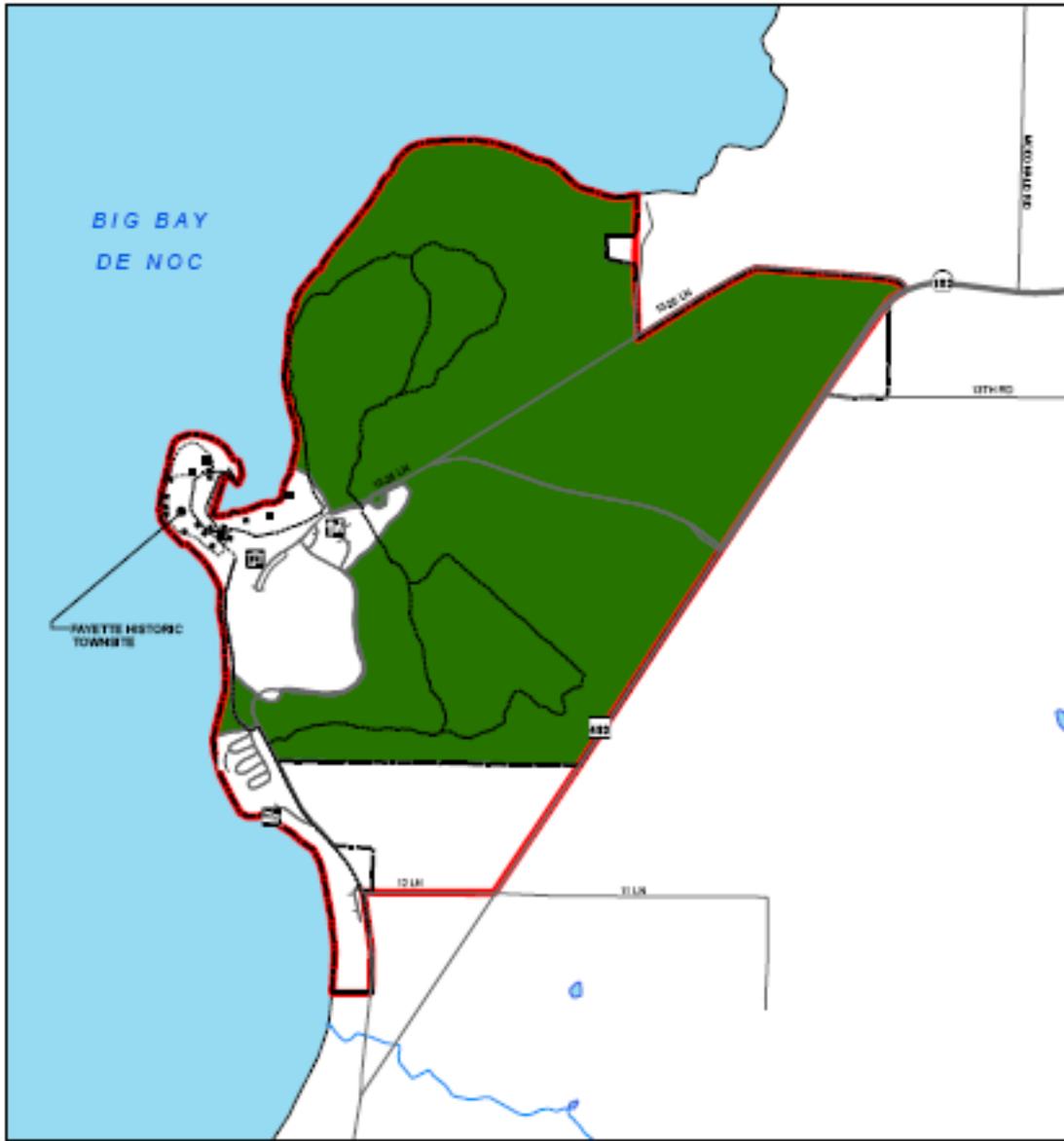
Rare land snails



Ancient cedars

- Natural Resources – Maintaining the integrity of the unique habitat of the limestone cliffs is the purpose of this designation.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – evidence of Native American occupation occur in this general region, and it is believed possible for that to occur in the park.
- Recreation Opportunities – Except for the existing trail at the top of the cliffs (outside of the zone), no active recreation opportunities will be allowed. Passive appreciation of the cliffs from afar is the only form allowed.
- Education Opportunities – Interpretation of the limestone cliff environment and these unique resources can be presented through the use of kiosks at trailheads and interpretive signage along trails and at other locations. Active interpretation can be addressed in the Visitor Center.
- Visitor Experience – This will reflect the high degree of ‘natural’ feel of the zone, a significant sense of solitude, and except for the trail along the bluff, a lack of man-made improvements.
- Management Focus – Management of this zone will be focused on maintaining the low-impact character of the zone, and most significantly, maintaining the integrity of the cliff environment by controlling human disturbances. Maintenance of the existing trails is allowed.
- Development – No development in the zone will be allowed.

NATURAL RESOURCE RECREATION ZONE



PRD Management Zones

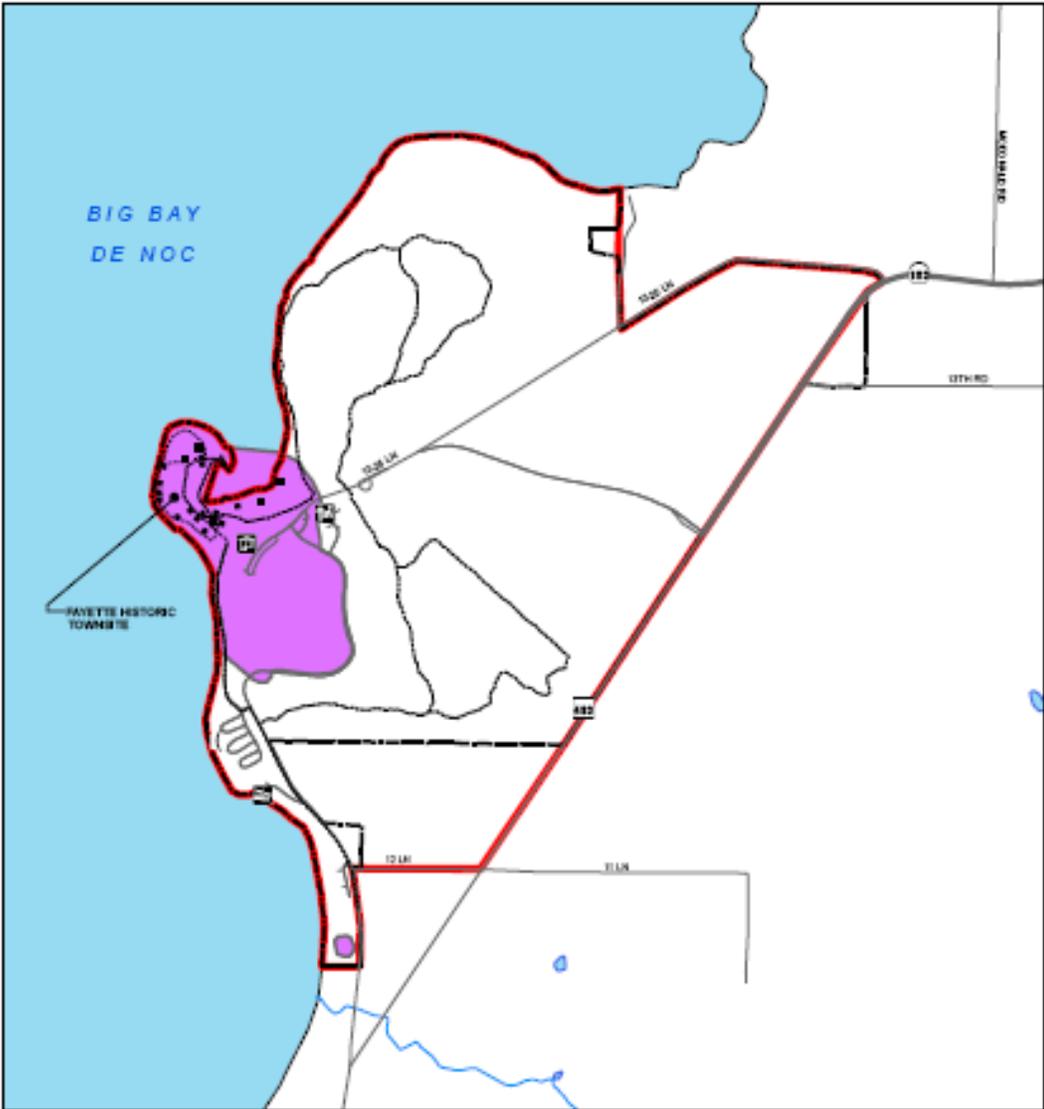
● Natural Resource Recreation



Natural Resource Recreation Zone – is approximately 583 acres (81%) of land that applies to the majority of the park. This land is characterized by fairly flat terrain, with moderate slopes and change in elevation as it approaches the west. Its land cover is scattered woods and open areas. In this zone, more active recreation takes place with trail use, hunting, and snowmobile use in the winter.

- Natural Resources – In general, the natural resources can be modified to support visitor activities. The primary long-term goal for this zone is ecosystem management that promotes the strengthening of native (natural) communities. Most of the mesic northern forest within Fayette HSP was cut at least once, and much was cleared to support agriculture to support the town residents (this is evidenced along the entrance road into the park). Vegetation in this zone will be managed for the benefit of the mesic northern forest, as well as control of invasive species, disease, pests, and hazard tree removal.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – This zone is within the “Cultural Resources Zone (Overlay)” with the recognition that the entire park was impacted by the historic Town Site and related activities.
- Recreation Opportunities – General recreation takes place in this zone. The designated area “Open to Hunting” is in the majority of this zone (see map on page 21), as are the trails used for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Whitetail deer, fox, squirrel and black bear are the primary game species. Snowmobile use is permitted except for on cross-country ski trails.
- Education Opportunities – The primary means of user access is by the various trails that extend throughout the zone. Informational kiosks at trail heads and along the trails at critical locations are appropriate. Potential themes for educational messages include: the historic/cultural resources of the park and natural resource management themes.
- Visitor Experience – The visitor can expect encounters with other park visitors any time of the year. The trails are a popular component and are used in all seasons. General use of this zone for hunting and other dispersed activities can be expected.
- Management Focus – Maintain public awareness of the educational opportunities in this zone, and develop/maintain universal access to same. Provide/maintain signage for the hunting ‘Safety Zone(s)’. Preserve and protect the identified cultural resources in this area. Mark and maintain clear boundaries of state ownership.
- Development – Development activity will focus on complimenting the educational efforts to interpret the natural and cultural resources. All development will meet the approval requirements of the planning process.

HISTORY EDUCATION ZONE



PRD Management Zones

 History Education



This zone designation applies to two locations, and totals approximately 88 acres (12%) of the park. The largest is the historic Town Site of Fayette, which is cooperatively managed with DNR-Communications Division, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the State Historic Preservation Office (both now under Michigan State Housing Development Authority). The Town Site is under active restoration and educational programming. The second location is at the south end of

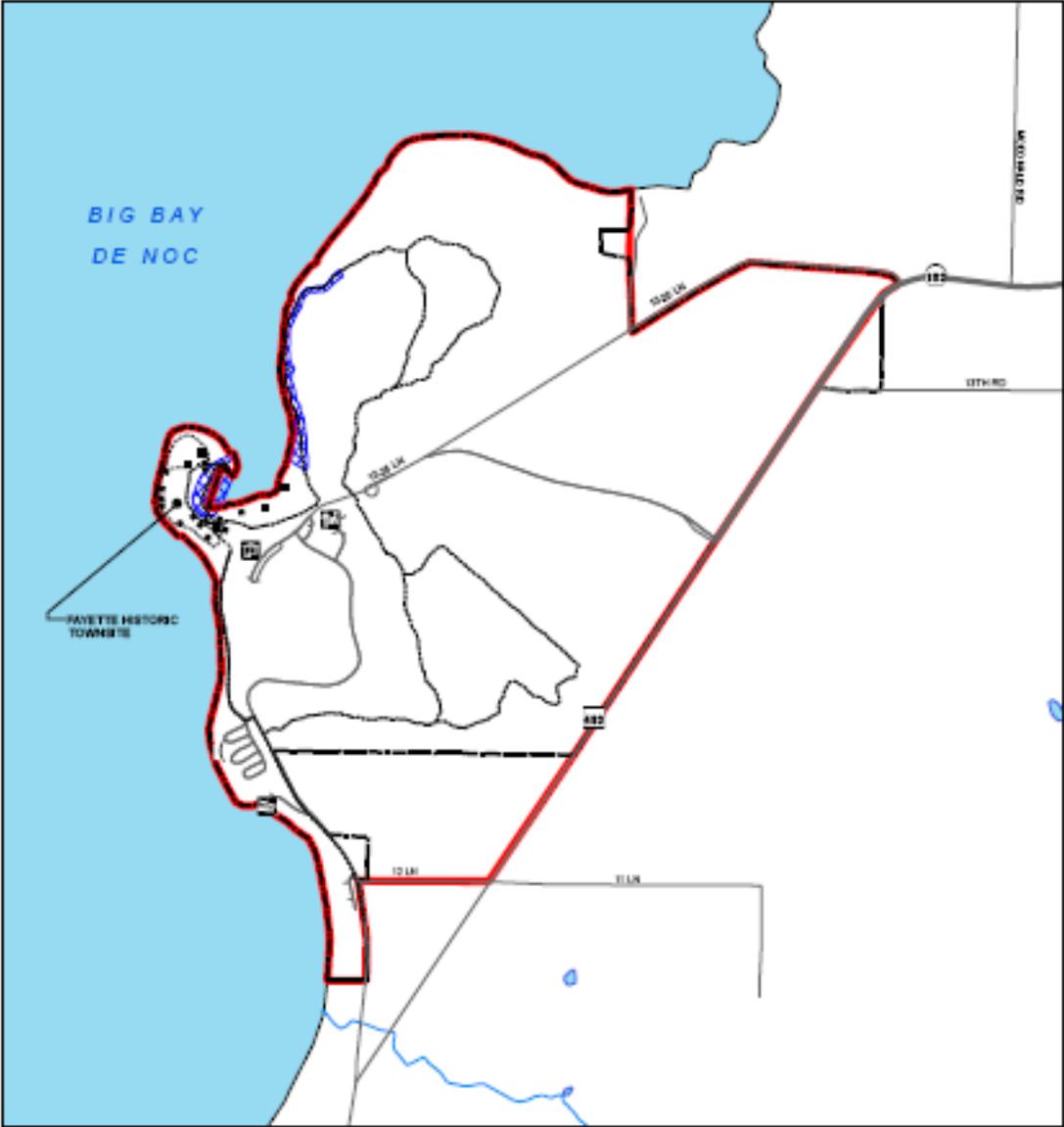
the park and defines the St. Peter's Church Cemetery that is home to original settlers of the town.

- Natural Resources – Natural resources that have been identified as important to the historic/cultural landscape are managed to perpetuate those qualities. This can include non-native species specific to the era and/or location.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – Cultural and natural resources (including historic buildings, structures, and landscapes) may be restored to specific time period(s) if essential for the visitor understanding of historic period(s) OR rehabilitated to support visitor and staff activities for in-depth interpretation of historic period(s).
- Recreation Opportunities – This zone is established to highlight the historic and cultural qualities of times past. The recreation opportunities afforded in this zone will not interfere with nor hinder the appreciation of the cultural landscape being preserved.

This zone incorporates Snail Shell Harbor. Recreational diving is allowed in the harbor by permit only. Removal of artifacts is strictly prohibited.

- Education Opportunities – Historic/cultural information at the Visitor Center is the primary source, followed by interpretive information and activities provided in the Town Site. There is opportunity at the Visitor Center for 'Natural Resource' education and interpretation of natural processes, flora and fauna, etc.
- Visitor Experience – The cultural features highlighted in this zone are representative of the early settlement of this land. This rich heritage will be appreciated by visitors with an interest in history. The visitor can expect encounters with other park visitors of similar interests.
- Management Focus – Preserve the historic integrity of the zone elements identified, incorporate "Universal Access" (including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements), and implement educational efforts. Develop new MOA's for cooperative management of historic resources, and comply with those requirements. Reference the "*Cultural Resources Management Plan, The Hotel @ Fayette Historic Townsite & Restoration and Stabilization for Fayette Historic Townsite.*"
- Development – Development activity will focus on any identified restoration/preservation needs, incorporating "Universal Access" (including ADA requirements) for visitor access to the features, and meeting educational/interpretation needs.

SCENIC ZONE (OVERLAY)



PRD Management Zones

 Scenic



Scenic Zone – Two areas in the park are designated in this zone. One is the top of the limestone cliffs (along the trail), which offers sweeping panoramic views of the Town Site and Lake Michigan, and the second is the view of these same cliffs from the Town Site. The zone represents approximately 8 acres (1%) of the park and is considered an “overlay” of

both the “Natural Resource Recreation Zone” (trail) and the “History Education Zone” (Fayette Town Site).

- Natural Resources – The prescriptive description of the underlying zones will apply. In general, the natural resources can be modified to support visitor activities, provided it does not hinder the scenic opportunities provided.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – The prescriptive description of the underlying zones will apply. The Town Site application of this zone requires particular sensitivity to the historic character of that location.
- Recreation Opportunities – The prescriptive description of the underlying zones will apply.
- Education Opportunities – There is a great opportunity for interpretive information at staging areas for the trails and along trails, as well as at key locations in the Town Site.
- Visitor Experience – The scenic viewing within the park is a popular activity, and visitors will encounter others enjoying the views.
- Management Focus – Management must focus on maintenance of the views, and protection of the resource.
- Development – The prescriptive description of the underlying zones will apply. Any development in this zone must compliment the viewing opportunities and not detract or negatively impact the underlying zone.

Educational kiosks and improvements to augment educational opportunities are desirable actions. All development will meet the approval requirements of the planning process.

DEVELOPED RECREATION ZONE



PRD Management Zones

 Developed Recreation

This 25 acre zone (3%) is located along the Lake Michigan shoreline. It incorporates the semi-modern campground, day-use area, boat launch, and the mooring dock in Snail Shell Harbor.

- Natural Resources – In this zone, active recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced as possible. In general, this area is not designated for natural resource significance. Pitcher's thistle, however, does inhabit parts of the beach. This plant 'likes' some disturbance (such as human activity of walking through the sand), and no special management for the thistle is recommended. Hazard trees in 'target zones' will be identified and removed. Invasive species will be controlled.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – This zone is within the "Cultural Resources Zone (Overlay)" with the recognition that the entire park was impacted by the historic Town Site (adjacent to the north) and related activities. Within the south end of this zone is found the St. Peter's Church Cemetery, part of the "History Education Zone."
- Recreation Opportunities – This is the focus of this zone. Camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, trail use, and general day-use activities are accommodated and encouraged. The campground provides semi-modern camping at 61 sites. Hunting is not allowed within this zone.
- Education Opportunities – In this populated and visited zone of the park is found opportunities for guidance on education and interpretation of the entire park. We can take advantage of this in recruiting interest from campers for interpretive programming, and for opportunities provided at the Town Site and the Visitor Center.

Within the zone at the south end of the park is the St. Peter's Church Cemetery (designated History Education Zone) which is an education opportunity within the Developed Recreation Zone.

- Visitor Experience – With the focus of this zone being the developed campgrounds and other attributes, the visitor will experience a high level of encounters with other park visitors during the summer months.
- Management Focus – Maintain the infrastructure that serves the public uses of this zone. Provide educational opportunities in the zone for the entire park, develop/maintain 'universal access' in the zone, and maintain public safety and good hospitality practices.
- Development – Provide 'universal access' improvements as needed to attain 'program' accessibility. Improve facilities to compliment education. All development will meet the approval requirements of the planning process.

VISITOR SERVICES ZONE



This zone is located just outside the 'Town Site' and takes in the headquarters, shop, contact station, and storage area. It totals just over 8 acres (1%) of land.

The zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. Typically it will include offices, contact stations, maintenance

facilities and all related land base required to conduct the business of running a state park or recreation area. At Fayette HSP, additional land immediately north of the current office/shop area has been included in this zone for purposes of future expansion or relocation.

- Natural Resources – In general, the natural resources can be modified to support the needs for administration of the park.
- Historic/Cultural Resources – This zone is within the “Cultural Resources Zone (Overlay)” with the recognition that the entire park was impacted by the historic Town Site (adjacent to the west) and related activities.
- Recreation Opportunities – None.
- Education Opportunities – Educational materials can be made available in the office ‘public space’, and office staff can provide verbal information. There is a great opportunity to direct visitors to other informational locations in the park.
- Visitor Experience – Visitor access at the office is limited to informational purposes.
- Management Focus – Provide public and employee ‘universal access’ (meet or exceed ADA requirements) to the contact station and office from the parking lot, and ‘universal access’ within the building. Assure security of offices, facilities and equipment. Provide a safe working environment for staff.
- Development – Development in this zone will be for purposes of complimenting the administrative needs of the park, and meeting the needs for ‘universal access’ compliance. All development will meet the approval requirements of the planning process.